

# California Recreational Groundfish Fishery Regulations (2000 – 2009)

## CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY REGION IN 2009

Key:

	Allowed in all waters
20	Depth closed > 20fm
40	Depth closed > 40fm
60	Depth closed > 60fm
	Closed
	In-season closure

### Northern Management Area CA/OR Border to 40° 10' N Lat (Season: May 15<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>)

#### Northern Management Area 2009

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					20	20	20	20	20			
Black rockfish <sup>2</sup>					20	20	20	20	20			
California sheephead					20	20	20	20	20			
Cabazon					20	20	20	20	20			
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					20	20	20	20	20			
Ocean Whitefish					20	20	20	20	20			
Shelf rockfish					20	20	20	20	20			
Lingcod					20	20	20	20	20			

### North-Central - North of Point Arena Management Area 40° 10' N lat to Point Arena (38° 57' N lat) (Season: May 15<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>)

#### North-Central North of Point Arena Management Area 2009

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					20	20	20	20				
California scorpionfish					20	20	20	20				
California sheephead					20	20	20	20				
Cabazon					20	20	20	20				
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					20	20	20	20				
Ocean whitefish					20	20	20	20				
Shelf rockfish					20	20	20	20				
Lingcod					20	20	20	20				
Sanddabs												

### North-Central South of Point Arena Management Area Point Arena (38° 57' N lat) to Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat) (Season: June 13<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>)

#### North-Central South of Point Arena Management Area 2009

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
California scorpionfish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Cabazon						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Ocean whitefish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Shelf rockfish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

**Monterey South – Central Management Area**  
**Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat) to Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat)**  
**(Season: May 1<sup>st</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monterey South – Central Management Area 2009**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Cabazon					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Ocean whitefish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

**Morro Bay South – Central Management Area**  
**Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat)**  
**(Season: May 1<sup>st</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>)**

**Morro Bay South – Central Management Area 2009**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Cabazon					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Ocean whitefish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

**Southern Management Area**  
**Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) to US/Mexico Border**  
**(Season: February 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>)**

**Southern Management Area 2009**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California scorpionfish	40	40	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Cabazon			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
Sanddabs												

# CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY REGION IN 2008

## Key:

	Allowed in all waters
20	Depth closed > 20fm
40	Depth closed > 40fm
60	Depth closed > 60fm
	Closed
	In-season closure

## Northern Management Area CA/OR Border to 40° 10' N Lat

### Northern Management Area 2008

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Black rockfish <sup>2</sup>					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
California sheephead					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabazon					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	

### Northern Management Area (INSEASON CHANGE EFFECTIVE MAY 9, 2008)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Black rockfish <sup>2</sup>					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Cabazon					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Ocean Whitefish					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod					20	20	20	20	20	20	20	

### Northern Management Area (INSEASON CHANGE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2, 2008)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					20	20	20	20				
Black rockfish <sup>2</sup>					20	20	20	20				
California sheephead					20	20	20	20				
Cabazon					20	20	20	20				
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					20	20	20	20				
Ocean Whitefish					20	20	20	20				
Shelf rockfish					20	20	20	20				
Lingcod					20	20	20	20				
Sanddabs												

## North-Central Management Area 40° 10' N lat to Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat)

### North-Central Management Area 2008

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
California scorpionfish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
California sheephead						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Cabazon						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Ocean whitefish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Shelf rockfish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Lingcod						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Sanddabs												

**North-Central Management Area (INSEASON CHANGE EFFECTIVE MAY 9, 2008)**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
California scorpionfish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Cabezon						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Ocean whitefish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Shelf rockfish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

**North - Central North of Point Arena Management Area**  
**40° 10' N lat to Point Arena (38° 57' N lat)**  
**(INSEASON CHANGE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2, 2008)**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish						20	20	20				
California scorpionfish						20	20	20				
California sheephead						20	20	20				
Cabezon						20	20	20				
Greenlings (rock, kelp)						20	20	20				
Ocean whitefish						20	20	20				
Shelf rockfish						20	20	20				
Lingcod						20	20	20				
Sanddabs												

**North - Central South of Point Arena Management Area**  
**Point Arena (38° 57' N lat) to Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat)**  
**(INSEASON CHANGE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2, 2008)**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
California scorpionfish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Cabezon						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Ocean whitefish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Shelf rockfish						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod						20	20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

**Monterey South – Central Management Area**  
**Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat) to Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat)**

**Monterey South – Central Management Area 2008**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Cabezon					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Ocean whitefish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

**Morro Bay South – Central Management**  
**Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat)**

**Morro Bay South – Central Management Area 2008**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Cabezon					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Greenlings					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Ocean Whitefish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

**Southern Management Area**  
**Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) to US/Mexico Border**

**Southern Management Area 2008**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California scorpionfish	40	40	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Cabezon			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
Sanddabs												

**\*\*\*Cowcod Conservation Area (west of San Diego) open March – December from 0-20 fm (0-120 ft)\*\*\***  
**(see <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/cowcod.asp>)**

# CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY REGION IN 2007

**Key:**

	Allowed in all waters
30	Depth closed > 30fm
40	Depth closed > 40fm
60	Depth closed > 60fm
	Closed
	In-season closure

## Northern Management Area CA/OR Border to 40° 10' N Lat

### Northern Management Area 2007

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Black rockfish <sup>2</sup>					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
California sheephead					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabazon					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	

### Northern Management Area In-season Change: Effective October 1, 2007

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					30	30	30	30	30			
Black rockfish <sup>2</sup>					30	30	30	30	30			
California sheephead					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabazon					30	30	30	30	30			
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					30	30	30	30	30			
Ocean Whitefish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish					30	30	30	30	30			
Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30			

## North-Central Management Area 40° 10' N lat to Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat)

### North-Central Management Area 2007

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
California scorpionfish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
California sheephead						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Cabazon						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Ocean whitefish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Shelf rockfish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Lingcod						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Sanddabs												

### North-Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective October 1, 2007

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish						30	30	30	30			
California scorpionfish						30	30	30	30			
California sheephead						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Cabazon						30	30	30	30			
Greenlings (rock, kelp)						30	30	30	30			
Ocean whitefish						30	30	30	30	30	30	
Shelf rockfish						30	30	30	30			
Lingcod						30	30	30	30			
Sanddabs												

**Monterey South – Central Management Area**  
**Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat) to Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat)**

**Monterey South – Central Management Area 2007**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Cabazon					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Ocean whitefish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

**Morro Bay South – Central Management Area**  
**Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat)**

**Morro Bay South – Central Management Area 2007**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Cabazon					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Greenlings					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Ocean Whitefish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Sanddabs												

**Southern Management Area**  
**Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) to US/Mexico Border**

**Southern Management Area 2007**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California scorpionfish	40	40	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Cabazon			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
Sanddabs												

**\*\*\*Cowcod Conservation Area (west of San Diego) open March – December from 0-20 fm (0-120 ft)\*\*\***  
 (see <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/cowcod.asp>)

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## Key:

	Allowed in all waters
20	Depth closed > 20fm
30	Depth closed > 30fm
40	Depth closed > 40fm
60	Depth closed > 60fm
20-40	Depth open between 20-40fm
30-60	Depth open between 30-60fm
	Closed

## Northern Management Area (CA/OR Border to 40° 10' N Lat)

### Northern Management Area 2006

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							40	40	40	40		
Black rockfish <sup>2</sup>							40	40	40	40		
California sheephead							40	40	40	40		
Cabazon							40	40	40	40		
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							40	40	40	40		
Ocean Whitefish							40	40	40	40		
Shelf rockfish							40	40	40	40		
Lingcod							40	40	40	40		

### Northern Management Area In-season Change: Effective March 28, 2006

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Black rockfish <sup>2</sup>					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
California sheephead					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabazon					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	

## North-Central Management Area 40° 10' N lat to Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat)

### North-Central Management Area 2006

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

### North-Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective March 28, 2006

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	20
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	20
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	20
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												



**North-Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective July 1, 2006**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							30	30	30	30	30	30
California scorpionfish							30	30	30	30	30	30
California sheephead							30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabazon							30	30	30	30	30	30
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							30	30	30	30	30	30
Ocean whitefish							30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish							30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod							30	30	30	30	30	
Sanddabs												

**Monterey South – Central Management Area  
Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat) to Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat)**

**Monterey South – Central Management Area 2006**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

**Monterey South – Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective March 28, 2006**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	20
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	20
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	20
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

**Monterey South – Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective July 1, 2006**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							30	30	30	30	30	30
California scorpionfish							30	30	30	30	30	30
California sheephead							30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabazon							30	30	30	30	30	30
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							30	30	30	30	30	30
Ocean whitefish							30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish							30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod							30	30	30	30	30	
Sanddabs												

**Morro Bay South – Central Management Area**  
**Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat)**

**Morro Bay South – Central Management Area 2006 – Effective January 12, 2006**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40			
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40			
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40			
Cabezon					40	40	40	40	40			
Greenlings					40	40	40	40	40			
Ocean Whitefish					40	40	40	40	40			
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40			
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40			
Sanddabs												

**Morro Bay South – Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective July 1, 2006**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40		
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40	40		
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40	40		
Cabezon					40	40	40	40	40	40		
Greenlings					40	40	40	40	40	40		
Ocean Whitefish					40	40	40	40	40	40		
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40	40		
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40	40		
Sanddabs												

**Southern Management Area**  
**Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) to US/Mexico Border**

**Southern Management Area 2006 – Effective January 12, 2006**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
California scorpionfish										40	40	20
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Cabezon			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	30			
Sanddabs												

**Southern Management Area In-season Change: Effective February 21, 2006**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
California scorpionfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Cabezon			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30			
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	30			
Sanddabs												

**Southern Management Area In-season Change: Effective March 28, 2006**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
California scorpionfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Cabazon			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	
Sanddabs												

**Southern Management Area In-season Change: Effective July 1, 2006**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California scorpionfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Cabazon			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
Sanddabs												

# CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY REGION IN 2005

## Key:

	Allowed in all waters
20	Depth closed > 20fm
30	Depth closed > 30fm
40	Depth closed > 40fm
60	Depth closed > 60fm
20-40	Depth open between 20-40fm
30-60	Depth open between 30-60fm
	Closed
	In-season closure

## Northern Management Area (CA/OR Border to 40° 10' N Lat)

### Northern Management Area 2005

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							40	40	40	40		
Black rockfish <sup>2</sup>							40	40	40	40		
California sheephead							40	40	40	40		
Cabazon							40	40	40	40		
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							40	40	40	40		
Ocean Whitefish							40	40	40	40		
Shelf rockfish							40	40	40	40		
Lingcod							40	40	40	40		

### Northern Management Area In-season change: Effective April 16, 2005<sup>1</sup>

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Black rockfish <sup>2</sup>					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
California sheephead					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabazon					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	

1. Cabazon closed statewide December as of November 18, 2005.

## North-Central Management Area 40° 10' N lat to Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat)

### North-Central Management Area 2005

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

### North-Central Management Area In-season change: Effective April 5, 2005<sup>1</sup>

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	20
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	20
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

1. Cabazon closed statewide December as of November 18, 2005.

**Monterey South – Central Management Area**  
**Pigeon Point (37° 11' N lat) to Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat)**

**Monterey South – Central Management Area 2005**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

**Monterey South – Central Management Area In-season change: Effective April 5, 2005<sup>1</sup>**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	20
Cabazon							20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	20
Ocean whitefish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

1. Cabazon closed statewide December as of November 18, 2005.

**Morro Bay South – Central Management Area**  
**Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat)**

**Morro Bay South – Central Management Area 2005**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
California scorpionfish					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
California sheephead					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Cabazon					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Greenlings					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Ocean Whitefish					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Shelf rockfish					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Lingcod					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Sanddabs												

**Morro Bay South – Central Management Area In-season change: Effective April 16, 2005**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					40	40	40	40	40			
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40			
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40			
Cabazon					40	40	40	40	40			
Greenlings					40	40	40	40	40			
Ocean Whitefish					40	40	40	40	40			
Shelf rockfish					40	40	40	40	40			
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40			
Sanddabs												

**Southern Management Area**  
**Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) to US/Mexico Border**

**Southern Management Area 2005**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
California scorpionfish										40	40	20
California sheephead			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
Cabazon			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
Greenlings			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
Ocean Whitefish			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
Shelf rockfish			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
Lingcod				30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
Sanddabs												

**Southern Management Area In-season change: Effective April 16, 2005<sup>1</sup>**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
California scorpionfish										30	60	60
California sheephead			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Cabazon			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	
Greenlings			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Ocean Whitefish			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Shelf rockfish			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	
Sanddabs												

1. Cabazon closed statewide December as of November 18, 2005.

# CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY REGION IN 2004

**Key:**

	Allowed in all waters
30 fm	Depth closed > 30fm
Closed	In-season closure

## Northern Management Area CA/OR Border to 40° 10' N lat - Effective Jan 1, 2004<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>												
Black RF												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish <sup>2</sup>												
Lingcod <sup>3</sup>												

1. Nearshore rockfishes are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.
2. Shelf rockfish include bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, redstripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfish. Note that the retention of canary, yelloweye, and cowcod rockfish is prohibited.
3. Lingcod had a 2 fish bag limit and 24 inch minimum size.

## Northern Management Area In-season Change: Effective April 1 2004<sup>1</sup>

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish												
Black rockfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod <sup>1</sup>												

1. Lingcod bag limit decreased from 2 fish to 1 fish and increased minimum size from 24 to 30 inches effective April 1. Lingcod closed statewide from November to December.

## Northern Management Area In-season Change: Effective May 1, 2004<sup>1,2</sup>

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Black rockfish <sup>2</sup>						30	30	30				
California sheephead					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabazon					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30	30		

1. Depth closure implemented > 30 fm May to December.
2. Black rockfish – 0 fish bag limit effective May 16 (“encouraged” by DFG Director starting May 1) for May, and September to December.

# CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY REGION 2004

**Key:**

	Allowed in all waters
20 fm	Depth closed > 20fm
30 fm	Depth closed > 30fm
Closed	In-season closure

## North-Central Management Area

**40° 10' N lat to Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) - Effective Jan 1, 2004<sup>1,2,3</sup>**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California scorpionfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California sheephead	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Cabezon	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Greenlings	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Lingcod <sup>2</sup>	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Sanddabs												

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.

2. Shelf rockfish include bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, restripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfish. Note that the retention of canary, yelloweye, and cowcod rockfish is prohibited.

2. Lingcod had a 2 fish bag limit and 24 inch minimum size.

### **\*\*\*Recreational fishing on Cordell Bank (Marin County) closed for rockfish, lingcod and associated species: Effective March 1, 2004\*\*\***

## North-Central Management Area

**In-season Change: Effective April 1, 2004<sup>1</sup>**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California scorpionfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California sheephead	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Cabezon	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Greenlings	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Lingcod <sup>1</sup>	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30		
Sanddabs												

1. Lingcod bag limit decreased from 2 fish to 1 fish and increased minimum size from 24 to 30 inches effective April 1. Lingcod closed statewide from November to December.

## North-Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective May 1, 2004<sup>1</sup>

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish	30	30						20	20	20		
California scorpionfish	30	30						20	20	20		
California sheephead	30	30						20	20	20		
Cabezon	30	30						20	20	20		
Greenlings (rock, kelp)	30	30						20	20	20		
Ocean whitefish	30	30						20	20	20		
Shelf rockfish	30	30						20	20	20		
Lingcod	30	30						20	20	20		
Sanddabs												

1. May to July, November to December closed; shore-based anglers and divers exempted from closure. Depth closure implemented >20 fm September to October.



# CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY REGION 2004

**Key:**

	Allowed in all waters
20 fm	Depth closed > 20fm
30 fm	Depth closed > 30fm
	Closed
	In-season closure

## South-Central Management Area

**Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) - Effective Jan 1, 2004<sup>1,2,3</sup>**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California scorpionfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California sheephead	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Cabazon	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Greenlings	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish <sup>2</sup>	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Lingcod <sup>3</sup>	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Sanddabs												

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.

2. Shelf rockfish include bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, restripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfish. Note that the retention of canary, yelloweye, and cowcod rockfish is prohibited.

3. Lingcod had a 2 fish bag limit and 24 inch minimum size.

## South-Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective April 1, 2004<sup>1</sup>

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California scorpionfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California sheephead	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Cabazon	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Greenlings	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Ocean Whitefish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Shelf rockfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Lingcod <sup>1</sup>	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30		
Sanddabs												

1. Lingcod bag limit decreased from 2 fish to 1 fish and increased minimum size from 24 to 30 inches effective April 1. Lingcod closed statewide from November to December.

## South-Central Management Area In-season Change: Effective May 1, 2004<sup>1</sup>

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
California scorpionfish	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
Cabazon	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
Greenlings	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
Ocean Whitefish	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
Shelf rockfish	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod	30	30			20	20		20	20	20		
Sanddabs												

1. July closed; shore-based anglers and divers exempted from closure. Depth closure implemented >20 fm September to December.

# CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY REGION 2004

## Key:

	Allowed in all waters
30 fm	Depth closed > 30fm
60 fm	Depth closed > 60fm
	Closed
	In-season closure

## Southern Management Area

### Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) to US/Mexico Border - Effective Jan 1, 2004<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California scorpionfish			60	60							60	60
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Cabazon			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Shelf rockfish <sup>2</sup>			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod <sup>3</sup>			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Sanddabs												

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.

2. Shelf rockfish include bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, restripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfish. Note that the retention of canary, yelloweye, and cowcod rockfish is prohibited.

3. Lingcod had a 2 fish bag limit and 24 inch minimum size.

## Southern Management Area

### In-season Change: Effective April 1, 2004<sup>1</sup>

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
California scorpionfish			60	60							60	60
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Cabazon			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Greenlings (rock, kelp)			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Ocean whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Lingcod <sup>1</sup>			60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60		
Sanddabs												

1. Lingcod bag limit decreased from 2 fish to 1 fish and increased minimum size from 24 to 30 inches effective April 1. Lingcod closed statewide from November to December.

## Southern Management Area

### In-season Change: Effective May 1, 2004<sup>1</sup>

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
California scorpionfish			60	60							60	60
California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Cabazon			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Greenlings			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Ocean Whitefish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Shelf rockfish			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Lingcod			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30		
Sanddabs												

1. Depth closure implemented >30 fm September to October.

# CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2003<sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup>

## Northern Management Area

### California/Oregon Border to near Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) - INITIAL

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

### YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

## Central Management Area

### Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) to Point Conception (34° 27' N) - INITIAL

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
California scorpionfish	< 20fm	< 20fm					< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
California sheephead												
Cabazon							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Greenlings							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Ocean Whitefish							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Shelf rockfish							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Lingcod							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm

### YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	
California scorpionfish	< 20fm	< 20fm					< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	
California sheephead												
Cabazon							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm			
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm			
Ocean whitefish							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Shelf rockfish							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	
Lingcod							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	

## Southern Management Area

### Point Conception (34° 27' N) to the U.S./Mexico border - INITIAL

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
California scorpionfish	< 20fm	< 20fm					<20fm <sup>2</sup>	<20fm <sup>2</sup>	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
California sheephead												
Cabazon							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Greenlings							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Ocean Whitefish							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Shelf rockfish							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Lingcod							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm

### YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 30fm	< 30fm	< 30fm	
California scorpionfish	< 20fm	< 20fm					<20fm	<20fm	< 30fm	< 30fm	< 30fm	
California sheephead												
Cabazon							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 30fm			
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 30fm			
Ocean whitefish							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 30fm	< 30fm	< 30fm	< 30fm
Shelf rockfish							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 30fm	< 30fm	< 30fm	
Lingcod							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 30fm	< 30fm	< 30fm	

**Key**

	Allowed in all waters		
< 20fm	Allowed only in waters < 20fm		
	Closed		In-season closure

**Notes for 2003:**

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.
2. In 2003, fishing for California scorpionfish was allowed in < 50fm during July and August, only in the area of Huntington Flats, as defined by California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 27.82(d). 7.
3. Emergency Fishing Closure for cabezon, greenlings, and California sheephead to all recreational take in all waters at all depths went into effect October 8.
4. The Emergency Sport Fishing Closure for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish, shelf rockfishes, and lingcod went into effect December 8.

# COWCOD CONSERVATION AREAS, CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2001-2003<sup>1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6</sup>

Cowcod Conservation Areas (CCAs) are two areas south of Point Conception (34° 27' N)  
and are Defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 27.82(a)

## 2001 Recreational Regulations - YEAR-IN-REVIEW (CCA created in 2001)<sup>2</sup>

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>			< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
California scorpionfish	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
California sheephead	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Cabazon	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Greenlings	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Ocean Whitefish	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Shelf rockfish			< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm		
Lingcod			< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm		

## 2002 Recreational Regulations – YEAR-IN-REVIEW<sup>3,4</sup>

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>			< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm		
California scorpionfish			< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm		
California sheephead	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm		
Cabazon	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm					
Greenlings	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm						
Ocean Whitefish	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Shelf rockfish			< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm		
Lingcod			< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm		

## 2003 Recreational Regulations – YEAR-IN-REVIEW<sup>5</sup>

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	
California scorpionfish	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	
California sheephead	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm			
Cabazon							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm			
Greenlings							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm			
Ocean Whitefish							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Shelf rockfish							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	
Lingcod							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	

Key:

	Allowed in all waters
< 20fm	Allowed only in waters < 20fm
	Closed

### Notes for Cowcod Conservation Area, 2001 to 2003:

- Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish, as defined by California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 1.90.
- In 2001, the Emergency Sport Fishing Closure went into effect October 29 and prohibited angling for shelf and slope rockfishes and lingcod. Possession of these fishes was prohibited in state waters. In waters less than 20 fathoms, fishing for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish, cabazon, and greenlings continued to be permitted (including waters less than 20 fathoms around offshore rocks and islands). Fishing for California sheephead continued to be permitted in all waters except the Cowcod Conservation Areas.
- In 2002, Emergency Sport Fishing Closure dates were July 1 (greenlings), July 29 (cabazon), and November 1 (California sheephead).
- The Emergency Sport Fishing Closure for shelf rockfishes, lingcod, scorpionfish, and ocean whitefish went into effect July 1. Nearshore fishing was still allowed in < 20 fathoms for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish and ocean whitefish. There was a special allowance for two shelf rockfish ONLY if taken incidental to nearshore fishing in < 20 fathoms EXCLUDING bocaccio, canary, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish which could not be taken.
- In 2003, Emergency Fishing Closure for cabazon, greenlings, and California sheephead to all recreational take in all waters at all depths went into effect October 8.
- In 2003, the Emergency Sport Fishing Closure for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish, shelf rockfish, and lingcod went into effect December 8.

# CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2002<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

## Northern Management Area

### California/Oregon Border to near Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) – INITIAL

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

### YEAR-IN-REVIEW<sup>2</sup>

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

## Central Management Area

### Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) to Point Conception (34° 27' N) - INITIAL

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					< 20fm	< 20fm			< 20fm	< 20fm		
California scorpionfish					< 20fm	< 20fm			< 20fm	< 20fm		
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish					< 20fm	< 20fm			< 20fm	< 20fm		
Lingcod					< 20fm	< 20fm			< 20fm	< 20fm		

### YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish					< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm		
California scorpionfish					< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm		
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Shelf rockfish					<20fm*	<20fm*	<20fm*	<20fm*	<20fm*	<20fm*		
Lingcod					< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm		

## Southern Management Area

### Point Conception (34° 27' N) to the U.S./Mexico border\*\*\* - INITIAL

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

### YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm		
California scorpionfish							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm		
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm
Shelf rockfish							<20fm*	<20fm*	<20fm*	<20fm*		
Lingcod							< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm	< 20fm		

Revised October 22, 2008

**Key**

	Allowed in all waters		
< 20fm	Allowed only in waters < 20fm		
	Closed		In-season closure

**Notes for 2002:**

1. All closures in 2002 do not apply to shore based anglers, or spearfishing from shore or a man-made structure.
2. In 2002, Emergency Sport Fishing Closure dates were July 1 (greenlings), July 29 (cabezon), and November 1 (California sheephead).
3. The Emergency Sport Fishing Closure for shelf rockfishes, lingcod, scorpionfish, and ocean whitefish went into effect July 1. Nearshore fishing was still allowed in < 20 fathoms for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish and ocean whitefish. There was a special allowance for two shelf rockfish ONLY if taken incidental to nearshore fishing in < 20 fathoms EXCLUDING bocaccio, canary, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish which could not be taken.

**\*\*\* Management region boundaries changed January 10, 2002.**

# CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2001<sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup>

## Northern Management Area California/Oregon Border to Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) -INITIAL

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

### YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

## Central Management Area Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) to Point Conception (34° 27' N)\*\*\* - INITIAL

Species	Jan***	Feb***	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>					< 20fm	< 20fm						
California scorpionfish					< 20fm	< 20fm						
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

### YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Species	Jan***	Feb***	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>					< 20fm	< 20fm					< 20fm	< 20fm
California scorpionfish					< 20fm	< 20fm					< 20fm	< 20fm
California sheephead												
Cabazon											< 20fm	< 20fm
Greenlings (rock, kelp)											< 20fm	< 20fm
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

## Southern Management Area Point Conception (34° 27' N) to the U.S./Mexico border\*\*\* - INITIAL

Species	Jan***	Feb***	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>												
California scorpionfish	< 20fm	< 20fm										
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish	< 20fm	< 20fm										
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

### YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Species	Jan***	Feb***	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>											< 20fm	< 20fm
California scorpionfish	< 20fm	< 20fm									< 20fm	< 20fm
California sheephead												
Cabazon											< 20fm	< 20fm
Greenlings (rock, kelp)											< 20fm	< 20fm
Ocean whitefish	< 20fm	< 20fm									< 20fm	< 20fm
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												



**Key**

	Allowed in all waters
< 20fm	Allowed only in waters < 20fm
Closed	In-season closure

**Notes for 2001:**

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.
2. Emergency action was taken by the Commission in order to conform to Federal Regulations.
3. Rockfish and lingcod closures did not apply to shore-based anglers.
4. In 2001, the Emergency Sport Fishing Closure went into effect October 29 and prohibited angling for shelf and slope rockfishes and lingcod. Possession of these fishes was prohibited in state waters. In waters less than 20 fathoms, fishing for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish, cabezon, and greenlings continued to be permitted (including waters less than 20 fathoms around offshore rocks and islands). Fishing for California sheephead continued to be permitted in all waters except the Cowcod Conservation Areas.

**\*\*\* On January 1, 2000 the California Fish and Game Commission adopted regulations to be effective through 2002 that closed lingcod and nearshore and shelf rockfishes as follows: south of Lopez Point to the Mexico border Jan. - Feb.; and north of Lopez Point to Cape Mendocino Mar. - Apr. New regulations that superceded the regulations adopted January 1, 2000 went into effect Mar. 5, 2001. These new regulations included a different regional management boundary between the central and southern management areas – Point Conception instead of Lopez Point. Because of the delay in implementation (March instead of January), the area between Lopez Point and Point Conception was closed from Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2001 (as part of the southern area under the 2000 regulations). This area then was open to fishing from March 1- 4, 2001 (as part of the 2000 open fishing period for the southern area). However, once the 2001 regulations took affect on Mar. 5, 2001, this section of coast was closed again from Mar. 5 – Apr. 30 (as part of the central area under the 2001 regulations).**

# CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2000<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

## Northern Management Area

### California/Oregon Border to Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) – INITIAL

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

### YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod <sup>2</sup>												

## Central Management Area

### Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) to Lopez Point (36° 00' N) - INITIAL

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

### YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

## Southern Management Area

### Lopez Point (36° 00' N) to US/Mexico Border - INITIAL

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings												
Ocean Whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

### YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Nearshore rockfish <sup>1</sup>												
California scorpionfish												
California sheephead												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
Ocean whitefish												
Shelf rockfish												
Lingcod												

**Key**

	Allowed in all waters		
< 20fm	Allowed only in waters < 20fm		
	Closed		In-season closure

**Notes for 2000:**

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.
2. Closures did not apply to shore-based anglers.
3. Emergency closure for lingcod for November and December 2000 was statewide.